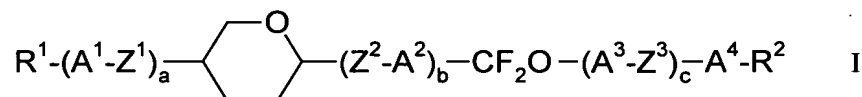


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Listing of Claims:

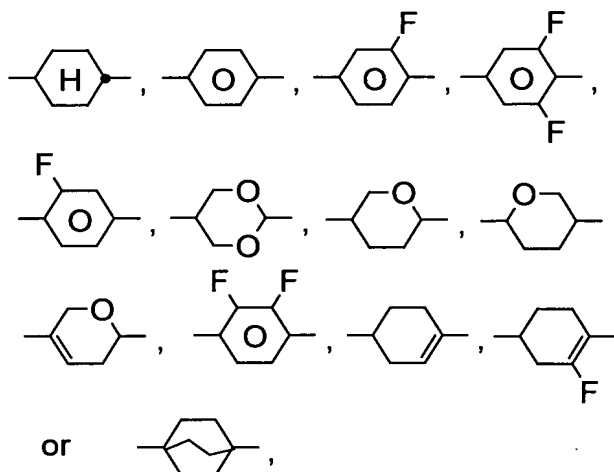
1. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds of the formula I



in which

R^1 and R^2 each, independently of one another, denote H, halogen, a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl or alkoxy radical having 1 to 15 C atoms, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another, where one of the radicals R^1 and R^2 may alternatively denote CN, OCN, SCN, NCS or SE_3 ,

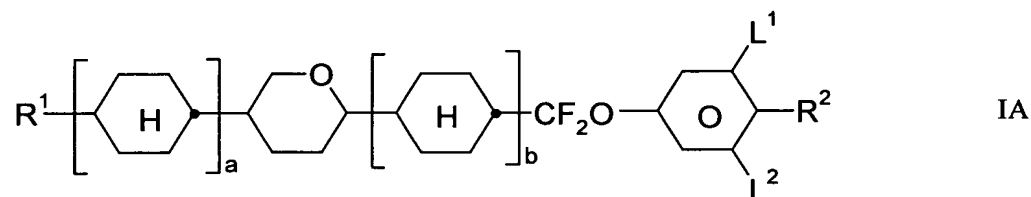
A^1, A^2, A^3 and A^4 each, independently of one another, denote



Z^1, Z^2 and Z^3 each, independently of one another, denote $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-$, $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{OCF}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_4-$, $-\text{C}_2\text{F}_4-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2-$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$ or a single bond, and

a, b and c each, independently of one another, denote 0, 1, 2 or 3, where $a + b + c \leq 3$.

2. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds of the formula IA

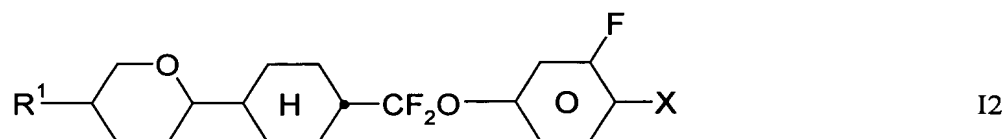
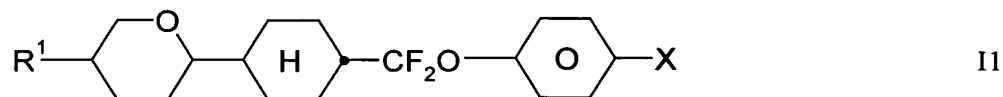


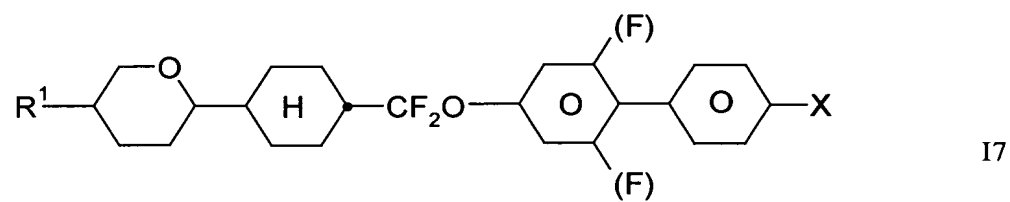
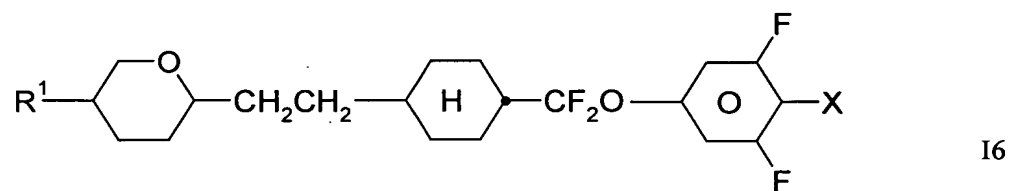
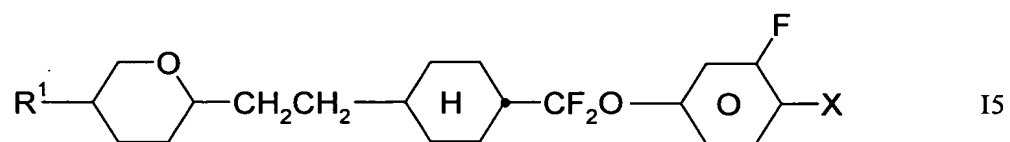
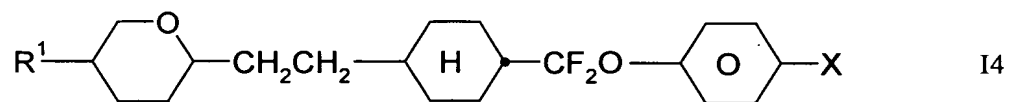
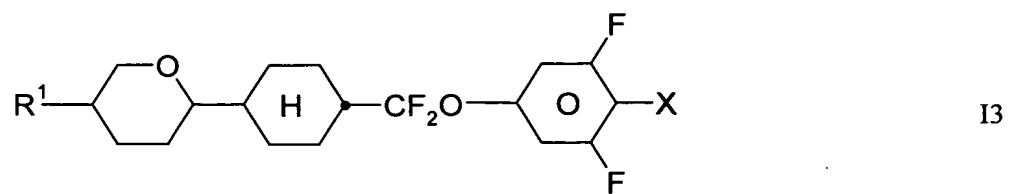
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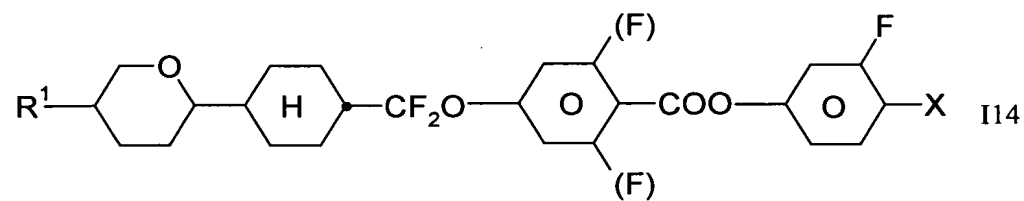
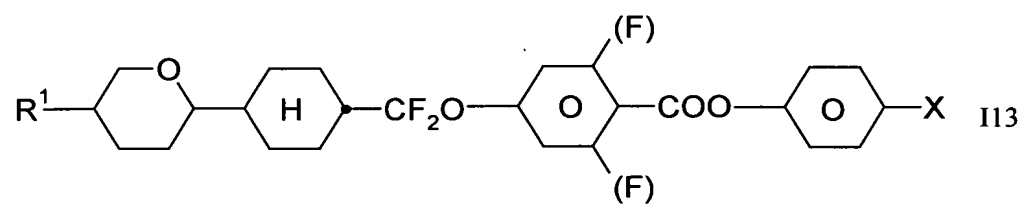
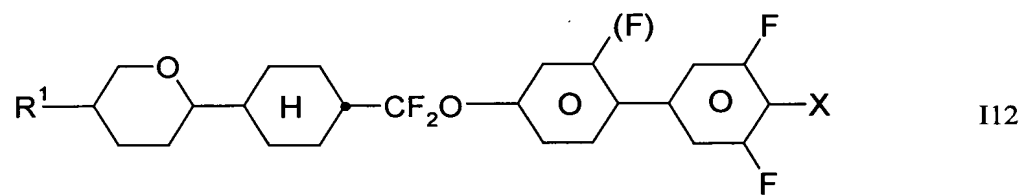
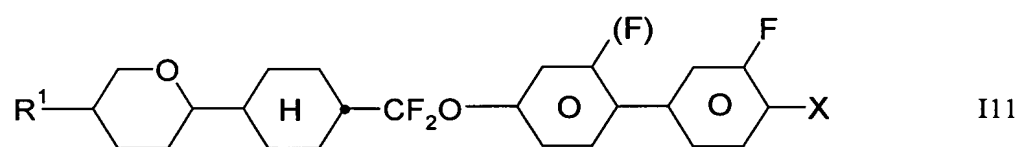
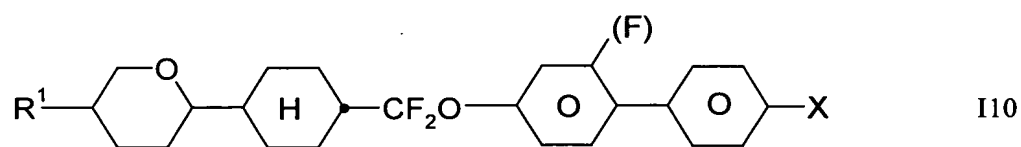
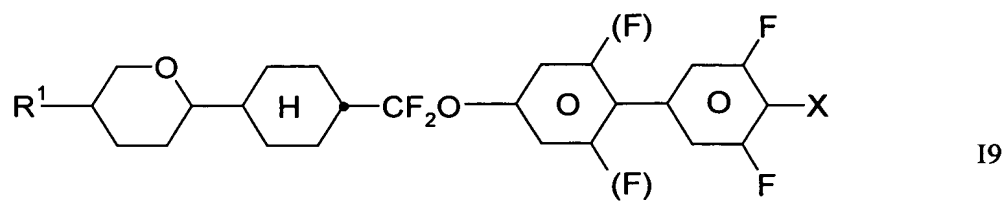
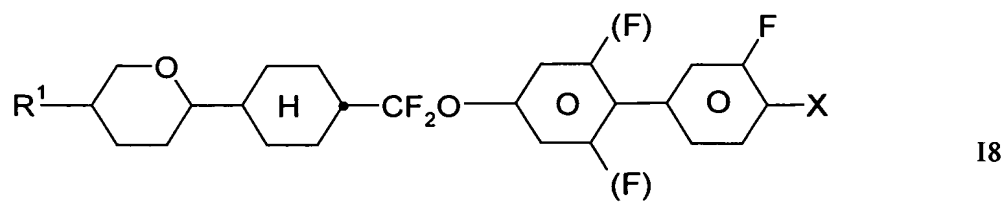
R^1 , R^2 , a, b, c and have the meanings indicated in Claim 1, where $a + b = 1$ or 2, and

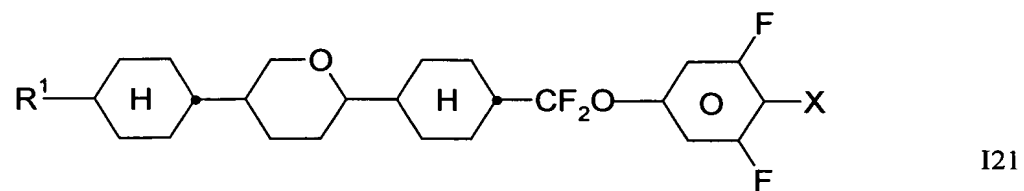
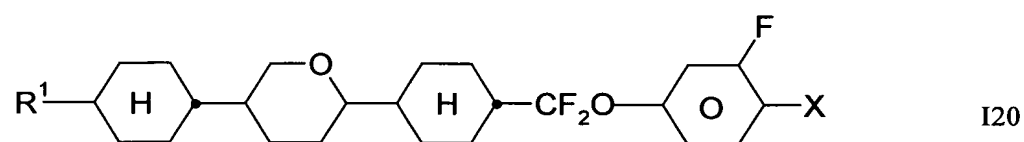
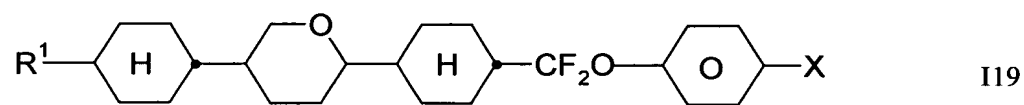
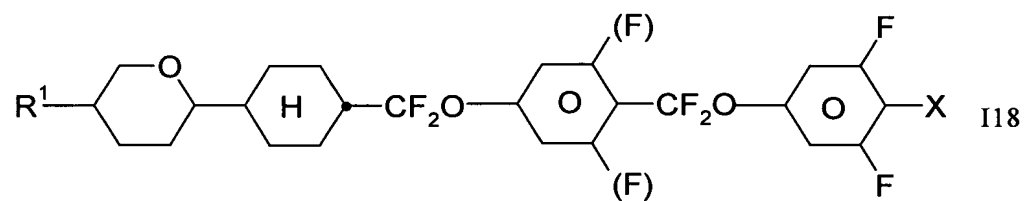
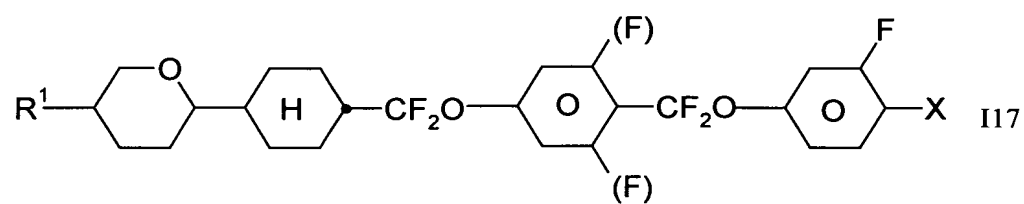
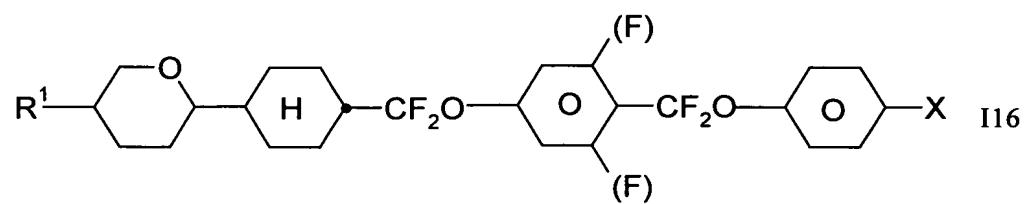
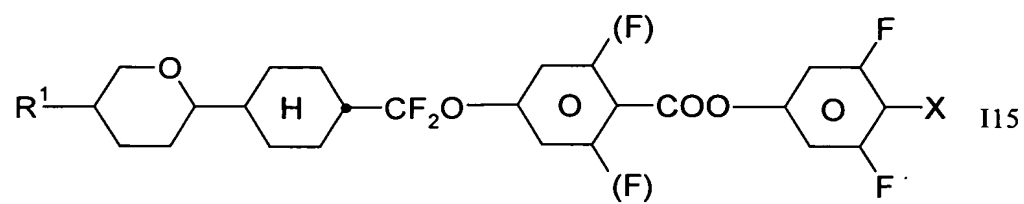
L^1 and L^2 each, independently of one another, denote H or F.

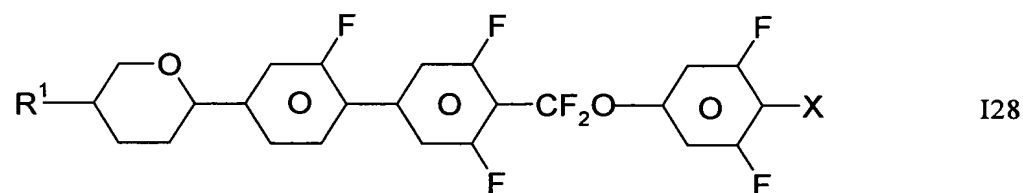
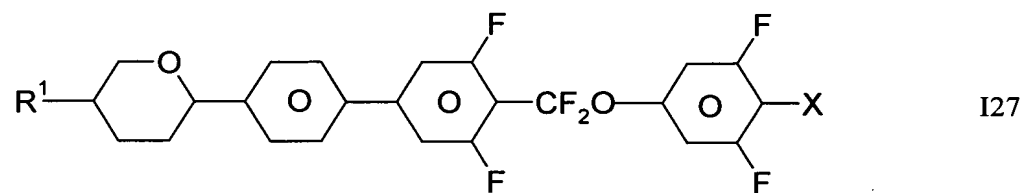
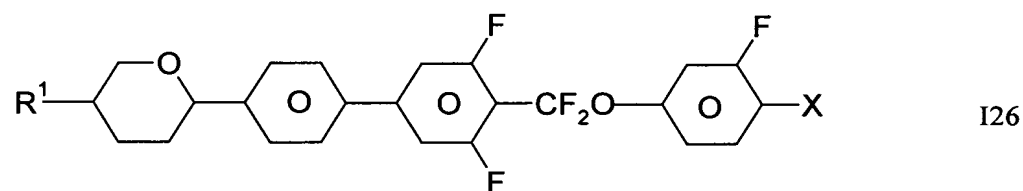
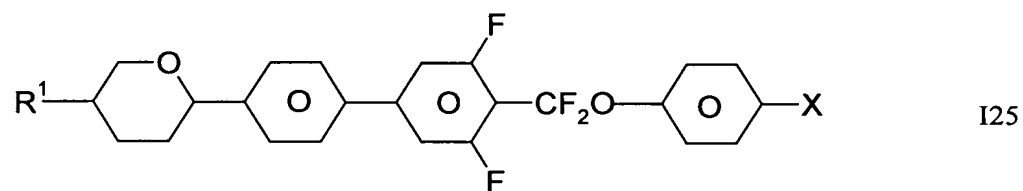
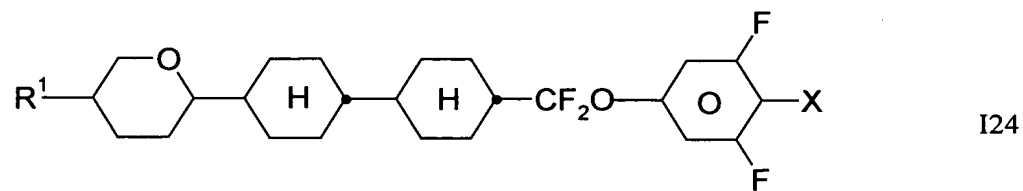
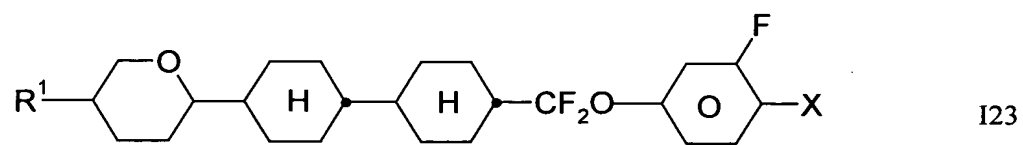
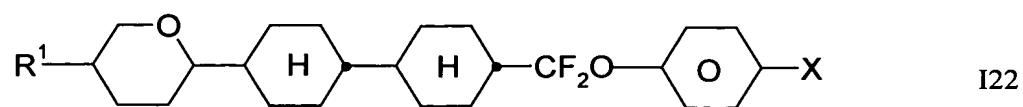
3. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised in that $a = 1$ and $b = 0$ or $a = 0$ and $b = 1$.
4. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to Claim 2, characterised in that L^1 denotes fluorine and L^2 denotes fluorine or hydrogen.
5. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to Claim 2, characterised in that L^1 and L^2 denote fluorine.
6. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds of the formulae I1 ~~to~~ I31

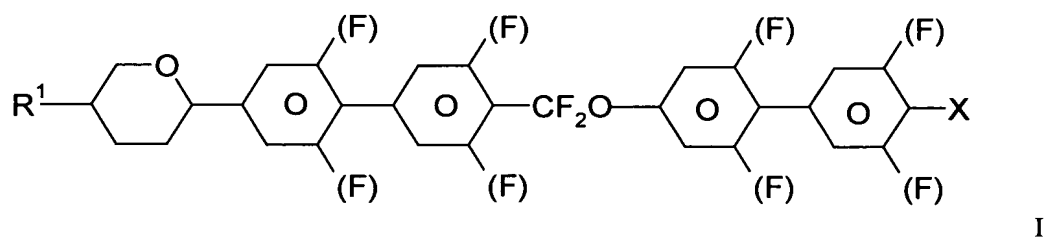
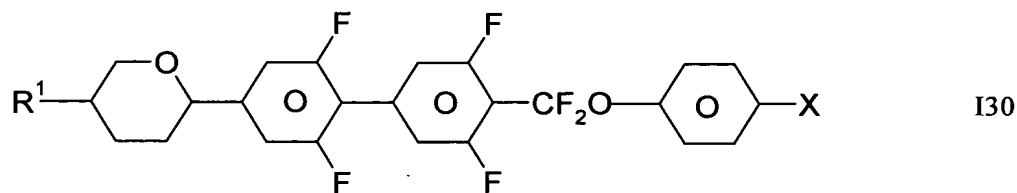
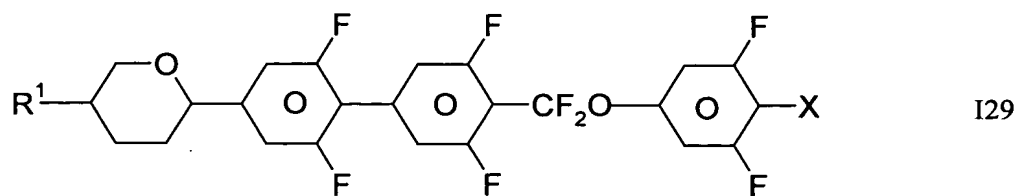








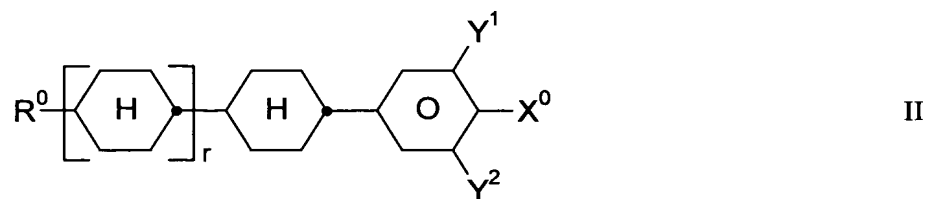


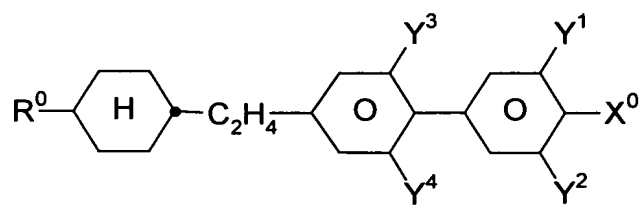


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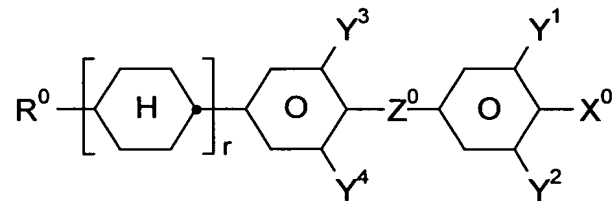
in which R^1 has the meaning indicated in Claim 1 and X has the meaning of \bar{R} .

7. (Original) Liquid-crystalline medium comprising at least two mesogenic compounds, characterised in that it comprises at least one compound of the formula I according to Claim 1.
8. (Original) Liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 7, characterised in that it comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the general formulae II to IX

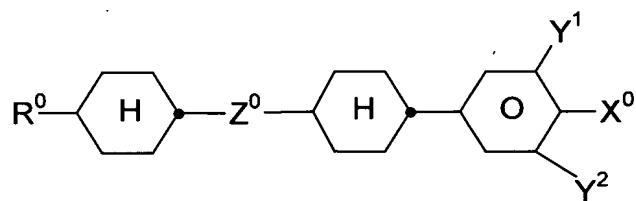




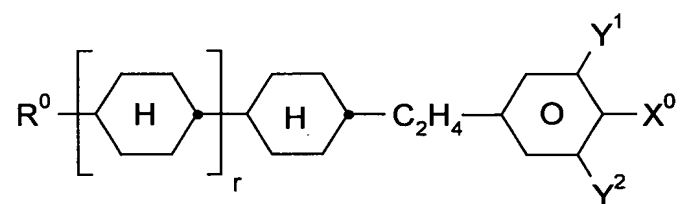
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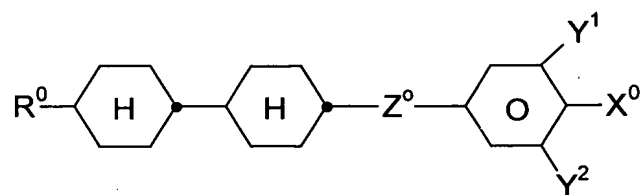
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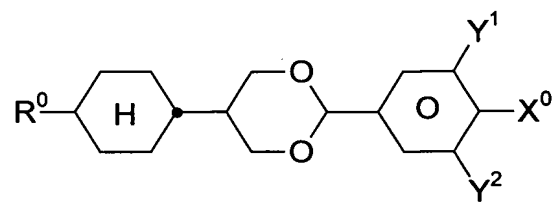
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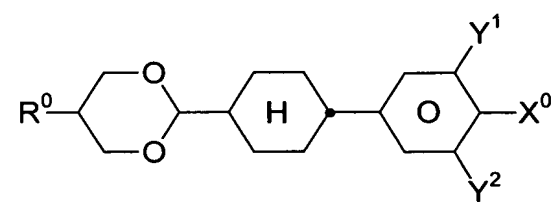
VI



VII



VIII



IX

in which

R^0 denotes n-alkyl, oxaalkyl, fluoroalkyl, alkenyloxy or alkenyl, each having up to 9 C atoms,

X^0 denotes F, Cl, halogenated alkyl, halogenated alkenyl, halogenated alkenyloxy or halogenated alkoxy having up to 7 C atoms,

Z^0 denotes $-CH=CH-$, $-C_2H_4-$, $-(CH_2)_4-$, $-C_2F_4-$, $-CH_2O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-CF=CF-$, $-CF_2O-$, $-OCF_2-$ or $-COO-$,

$Y^1, Y^2,$
 Y^3 and Y^4 each, independently of one another, denote H or F, and
 r is 0 or 1.

9. (Currently Amended) Use of the liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 7 ~~or 8~~ for electro-optical purposes.
10. (Currently Amended) Electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid crystalline medium according to Claim 7 ~~or 8~~.